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INVENTOR-INFORMATION:

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TITLE: Method for visualizing data backup activity from a plurality of backup devices

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INVENTOR-INFORMATION:

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Bear; Cory	Bellevue	WA		

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ART-UNIT: 2172

PRIMARY-EXAMINER: Corrielus; Jean M.

ATTY-AGENT-FIRM: Gray Cary Ware & Freidenrich LLP

ABSTRACT:

A method and system for examining historical records of backup activity

consolidated from a plurality of backup engines, utilizing a data processing system, is disclosed. In the first aspect, a method comprises the steps of reorganizing historical records of backup activity originating from a plurality of backup engines into unique visual representations to facilitate the speedy and reliable identification of backup activity failures. The method also includes sending prepared requests from BRG to RDB, and then receiving data from RDB. In another aspect, it is disclosed a method of representing a uniquely high number of levels of data extraction relating to backup successes and failures. In another aspect, it is disclosed a method of representing variations other than simply Failure or Success of backup activities, namely Partial failures. In another aspect, it is disclosed a method of combining summary level data (summarized by backup server) with subsequently lower levels of detail (summarized by backup client, and summarized by backup target) in a single report that provides the ability to expand and contract at will, by one or more clicks of the computer screen pointing engine(mouse pointer), which levels the are to be left visible. In another aspect, the system is disclosed for associating owners of computers being backed up, respective backup charges, and then rearranging data extracted from the RDB consisting of historical records of backup activity originating from the activity of a plurality of different backup engines, and constructing Billing Reports to reflect backup charges relating to said backup activities.

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DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 20040054699 A1

TITLE: Extensible method for obtaining an historical record of data backup activity (and errors) and converting same into a canonical format

PUBLICATION-DATE: March 18, 2004

INVENTOR-INFORMATION:

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TITLE: Method for visualizing data backup activity from a plurality of backup devices

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ART-UNIT: 2172

PRIMARY-EXAMINER: Corrielus; Jean M.

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ABSTRACT:

A method and system for examining historical records of backup activity consolidated from a plurality of backup engines, utilizing a data processing system, is disclosed. In the first aspect, a method comprises the steps of reorganizing historical records of backup activity originating from a plurality of backup engines into unique visual representations to facilitate the speedy and reliable identification of backup activity failures. The method also includes sending prepared requests from BRG to RDB, and then receiving data from RDB. In another aspect, it is disclosed a method of representing a uniquely high number of

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DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 6708188 B1

TITLE: Extensible method for obtaining an historical record of data backup activity (and errors) and converting same into a canonical format.

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Scanlan; Liam	Bellevue	WA		

ASSIGNEE-INFORMATION:

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ART-UNIT: 2175

PRIMARY-EXAMINER: Mizrahi; Diane D.

ATTY-AGENT-FIRM: Gray Cary Ware & Freidenrich LLP

ABSTRACT:

An extensible method and system for obtaining an historical record of data backup activity (and errors) from a plurality of data backup software devices, and converting the same into a canonical format, is disclosed. In the first aspect, a method comprises the steps of providing a late-binding mechanism that provides the invention with extensibility so that it can be made to inter-operate with an arbitrary variety of backup software devices. In the second aspect, an interface for requesting and returning a canonical backup activity log is disclosed. In the third aspect, an interface for requesting and returning a canonical backup error log is disclosed. In the fourth aspect, the use of a canonical format enables the data to be cross-referenced, consolidated and compared.

55 Claims, 2 Drawing figures

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TITLE: Method for extracting and storing records of data backup activity from a plurality of backup devices

DATE-ISSUED: October 28, 2003

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PARENT-CASE:

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS This application is related to U.S. application Ser. No. 09/665,270 and U.S. application Ser. No. 09/665,269, both of which are filed on the same date as this application (Sep. 19, 2000) and currently pending, and both of which name the same inventors as this application.

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ART-UNIT: 2172

PRIMARY-EXAMINER: Corrielus; Jean M.

ATTY-AGENT-FIRM: Gray Cary Ware & Freidenrich LLP

ABSTRACT:

A method and system for requesting, cross-referencing, extracting and storing historical records of data backup activity by using a software component that interfaces to a plurality of data backup software devices is disclosed. In the first aspect, a method of storing automated request-for-historical records of data backup activity schedules is disclosed. In the second aspect, a method for invoking requests through a component that interfaces to a plurality of data backup software devices is disclosed. In the third aspect, a method for receiving historical records of data backup activity from said component is disclosed. In a fourth aspect, a method for making alterations to said historical records of data backup activity is disclosed. In a fifth aspect, a method for inserting said historical records of data backup activity into a data table located in an open, relational database is disclosed. In a sixth aspect, a method for inserting subsets of said historical records of data backup activity into tables related to said central data table is disclosed. In a seventh aspect, a method for removing completed historical records of data backup activity refresh requests is disclosed. Through the use of a system and method in accordance with the present invention, the aforementioned database can be made self-refreshing, requiring minimal ongoing intervention subsequent to initial configuration. In addition, the aforementioned data refreshes can be manually invoked at any time.

53 Claims, 7 Drawing figures

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TITLE: Representing backup activity successes and failures in multi-leveled viewing container for visualizing data backup activity of backup devices, provides drill down visual representation of backup activities and failures of backup data

INVENTOR: SCANLAN, L; BEAR, C

PRIORITY-DATA: 2000US-0665270 (September 19, 2000), 2000US-0665267 (September 19, 2000), 2000US-0665269 (September 19, 2000), 2004US-0790955 (March 1, 2004)

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INT-CL (IPC): G06 F 17/30; H02 H 3/05

ABSTRACTED-PUB-NO: WO 200225498A

BASIC-ABSTRACT:

NOVELTY - A record of backup data activity is obtained and errors converted into canonical format. Blocks of data is extracted from relational database containing data originating from a number of backup engines. A drill down visual representation of backup activity successes, failures, and partial failures of data backup is made available. Backup activity billing reports constructed from data originating on a number of backup engines.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION - An INDEPENDENT CLAIM is also included for A data structure for visually representing backup activity successes and failures for a number of data backup products.

USE - For visualizing data backup activity from a number of back devices in a network.

ADVANTAGE - Key backup performance metrics are made obvious and having clear indication of the cost of backing up data.

DESCRIPTION OF DRAWING(S) - The flowchart illustrates how the Backup Failure Analysis Report is created.

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TITLE: Canonical representation method of data backup activity records, involves searching for backup engine plug-in that supports backup engine name specified as parameter in request backup log module

INVENTOR: BEAR, C; SCANLAN, L

PRIORITY-DATA: 2000US-0665270 (September 19, 2000), 2000US-0665267 (September 19, 2000), 2000US-0665269 (September 19, 2000)

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ABSTRACTED-PUB-NO: WO 200225462A

BASIC-ABSTRACT:

NOVELTY - The component object model (COM) interfaces are used while searching for backup engine plug-in (BEP) that supports the backup engine name specified as a parameter to request backup log module. Once the BEP is found, the download backup log procedure is called to acquire the canonical backup activity log (CBAL).

DETAILED DESCRIPTION - INDEPENDENT CLAIMS are also included for the following:

- (a) Canonical data backup activity records obtaining device;
- (b) Canonical data backup activity records obtaining system;
- (c) Backup log activity data structure

USE - For canonical representation of data backup activity records in large organizations.

ADVANTAGE - The canonical format enables the data to be cross-referenced, consolidated and compared using simple technique.

DESCRIPTION OF DRAWING(S) - The figure shows the flowchart explaining request backup detail method.

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